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WASHINGTON, July 19, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 14 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 11.2 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 28 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 495.9 billion ton-miles, 15.6 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 14 totaled 385,532, up 7.1 percent from last year, and 19.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 14.6 percent in the East, 5.2 percent in the South and 3.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 12 of the 21 commodity groups showed decreases, although coal loadings were up 20,049 cars (21.6 percent). Twenty of the 21 groups increased from the preceding holiday week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 7 totaled 44,757 cars, up 20.9 percent from the corresponding holiday week of 1983, and 73,941 trailers and/or containers, 16.0 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 1,359,084 cars, 17.2 percent higher than last year, and 2,342,275 trailers and/or containers, up 17.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/14/84:

| | Loadings in Week ended July 14, 1984 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1983 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 28,794 | D | 1,320 | 4.4 | I | 4,325 | 15.2 |
| Other farm products | 3,475 | D | 1,161 | 25.0 | I | 116 | 3.3 |
| Metallic ores | 18,613 | D | 2,461 | 11.7 | I | 1,606 | 8.6 |
| Coal | 112,976 | I | 20,049 | 21.6 | I | 27,482 | 24.3 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 12,706 | I | 1,387 | 12.3 | I | 1,476 | 11.6 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 13,271 | I | 1,798 | 15.7 | I | 2,033 | 15.3 |
| Grain mill products | 9,772 | D | 1,452 | 12.9 | I | 901 | 9.2 |
| Food and kindred products | 10,626 | D | 605 | 5.4 | I | 1,364 | 12.8 |
| Primary forest products | 13,452 | D | 1,563 | 10.4 | I | 3,948 | 29.3 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,753 | D | 250 | 3.6 | I | 1,762 | 26.1 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 13,959 | D | 270 | 1.9 | I | 822 | 5.9 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,056 | I | 2,020 | 9.6 | I | 3,244 | 14.1 |
| Petroleum products | 4,870 | I | 207 | 4.4 | I | 777 | 16.0 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 11,531 | D | 18 | 0.2 | I | 1,374 | 11.9 |
| Coke | 5,344 | D | 422 | 7.3 | I | 17 | 0.3 |
| Metals and products | 8,834 | I | 1,057 | 13.6 | I | 1,031 | 11.7 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 15,830 | I | 1,335 | 9.2 | I | 2,011 | 12.7 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,919 | I | 868 | 10.8 | I | 1,952 | 21.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,003 | D | 671 | 8.7 | I | 836 | 11.9 |
| All other carloads | 55,584 | I | 6,944 | 14.3 | I | 5,029 | 9.0 |
| LCL traffic | 164 | D | 49 | 23.0 | D | 18 | 11.0 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 385,532 | I | 25,423 | 7.1 | I | 62,088 | 19.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1983 | 360,109 | | | | | | |

| | 1984 | 1983 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks) | 10,994,008 | 9,803,430 | I 12.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 27 weeks ended July 7 | 478.2 | 413.0 | I 15.8 |
| Week ended July 14 | 17.7 | 15.9 | I 11.2 |
| 28 weeks cumulative | 495.9 | 428.8 | I 15.6 |

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